

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 4 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 5 through 8 have been added.

Applicant and his attorney wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy and assistance extended during a recent Interview in this case. The claims presented in this Amendment and how the invention is now defined in these claims distinguishes Applicant's invention from the prior art cited were discussed in detail with the Examiner at the Interview. Favorable consideration leading to passage of the case to issue is respectfully requested.

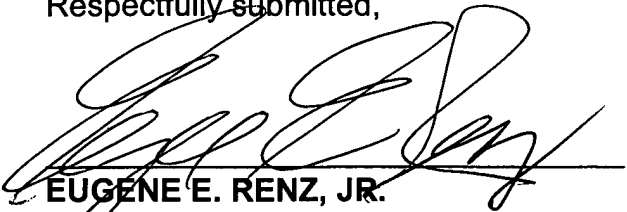
The present invention relates broadly to a clamp device and has application in securing clamping lines or ropes used to secure small aircraft to a tarmac in the manner illustrated in the drawings. As illustrated, the clamp has a hook portion for engaging a loop on the aircraft wing. A line is then secured at one end to an anchor in the tarmac. The opposite end of the rope is then threaded through the bore of the clamp with the clamp screw in a retracted position. The rope bends around the angled second bore section and is pulled taut and held in this position while the clamping screw is turned to seat the shoe and lock the rope as shown in Fig. 7.

None of the reference patents show a clamp having an angularly offset bore section providing the pull down feature of the clamp as discussed above. In view of this, favorable reconsideration of the claims presented is respectfully argued and passage of the case to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this application, any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 18-0990.**

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